

Quartet to perform at Catholic Church Krebs selected as 4-H ambassador Andersons to host barbecue



The Shepherd's Staff Quartet
The Shepherd's Staff Quartet of Walla Walla, a musical group combining the talents of Dave Streeter, Bill Ritter, David Williams and Curt Skifstad, will present a concert on Saturday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Heppner. The ministry of The Shepherd's Staff is family-ori-

ented and the music varied—a blend of inspirational ballads and contemporary selections. The group, in existence since 1984, is known in the Northwest and has toured throughout the United States and Jamaica. Their music is featured on four recordings, "Come Celebrate," "Behold Him," "Yes!" and "From This Moment On."

The Oregon 4-H Ambassador program has selected 115 outstanding Oregon 4-H members from across the state to participate in its activities during the coming year.

Locally, Jessica Krebs, Ione, was selected to the program. "This group represents the largest number of 4-H members ever chosen for the prestigious program and is a reflection of an increase in 4-H membership in recent years," said Duane Johnson, Oregon State University Extension 4-H youth development specialist. Last year, more than 50,000 youth took part in 4-H programs, an increase of 8,500 participants. "Participation in the ambassador program is one of the highest honors a 4-H member can earn," Johnson said.

To become an ambassador, 4-H members must undergo a rigorous review of their accomplishments in 4-H and in community and school activities. Ambassadors must be at least in the 10th grade.

The ambassadors fulfill an important function for the OSU Extension 4-H Youth Program. They promote the 4-H Program throughout the state and participate in a variety of state, county and local activities.

Included among those activities are giving talks about 4-H to community groups, setting up 4-H displays in stores and shopping centers, promoting 4-H activities on radio and television talk shows and recruiting new 4-H members. In addition, the ambassadors train 4-H leaders and members and provide leadership for 4-H educational programs at the county and state level.

The new ambassadors will learn more about their responsibilities to help represent and promote the 4-H program at the 4-H Ambassador Weekend, June 19-21 at Linfield College in McMinnville.

The weekend, sponsored by the Oregon Farm Credit System, will also include classes on life skill development, workforce preparation and citizenship, Johnson said. The focus of this year's training includes effective communications, teamwork, resume development, and youth leadership in community and state issues.

Some of the ambassadors will be invited to participate in the 1998 National 4-H Youth Congress in Memphis later this year.

Local farmers Eric and Marnie Anderson will host a barbecue for Oregon House Speaker Lynn Lundquist on Friday, May 15 at 4 p.m. at their Gilliam County farm on Shuttler Flat. The Andersons say they wish to publicly thank Speaker Lundquist for his work in passing the wheat research package in 1997 and to provide the opportunity to their friends and neighbors to do the same.

"The Speaker's support of the wheat research package was vi-

tal in 1997," said Eric Anderson. "We want to publicly thank him for his work on our behalf and express our hope for future work in the 1999 legislature."

Lundquist represents all or part of Morrow, Crook, Grant, Wheeler, Gilliam, Sherman, Baker and Wasco counties in the Oregon House of Representatives.

The Anderson farm on Shuttler Flat is 15 miles south of Arlington on State Highway 19. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Amy Brownfield will be married to Kirklan Wolters on May 23rd in Twin Falls, Idaho. On May 30th, Nancy and Dick Snider will host a reception to honor the new couple. Please stop by the Snider home at 63048 Rhea Creek Rd. any time between 2-8 p.m. Everyone is invited to come by and say hello to the new couple and enjoy food and drink. If you need directions, please call 422-7151.

HJHS band students perform in festival

Some 44 Heppner band students recently experienced the thrill of playing in a bigger band when they and over 200 other band students participated in the Tri-County Junior High Band Festival.

The festival was held at the Columbia Middle School on April 30. Seven area schools were represented: Heppner Middle School/Junior High, Columbia Middle School, Stanfield, Echo, Arlington, Helix and Weston-McEwen.

According to Heppner band director Ralph Werner, his 44 students included nine fifth graders, 25 sixth graders, nine seventh graders and one eighth grader. There are more seventh and eighth-grade band students, but most of them were involved in the Centennial student exchange program that same week and couldn't attend.

Students spent the day practicing together and preparing for the concert that was given in the evening. Each of the bands also performed individually in the morning. Heppner's Sixth Grade Band performed "Lowdown Hoedown". After the individual performances, the students were divided into two bands. The Select Band rehearsed with guest conductor

John Mancinilli, band director at Pasco, Washington, High School. The larger Concert Band, made up of the rest of the band students, was conducted by four of the band directors present.

The evening concert started with over 200 students in the Concert Band playing "Royal March", "Safari", "Careless Clyde the Crazy Composer", and "Louie, Louie".

Then the school band director's ensemble played three Dixieland tunes for the audience. Ralph Werner played the tuba with that group.

The Select Band of about 60 students performed "Raider March", "Anthem", "Flurry for Winds and Percussion", "Mystic Legacy" and "Blast From the Past".

A good sized crowd attended the evening performance, including some 20 parents of Heppner students. According to director Ralph Werner, "The parents were complementary of the young band members' fine efforts."

The Heppner band students will perform some of these same songs in their upcoming concerts. The fifth and sixth-grade bands will be in concert May 20 and the junior high/high school band will perform the following night on May 21.

HHS, HJHS to have academic awards

The Heppner High School academic awards dessert for grades nine-12 will be held Monday, May 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The academic awards dessert for students in seventh and eighth grades will be held June 2.

Parents of students to be honored will receive a letter from the school.

51st Spray Rodeo to be held May 23-24

The 51st Annual Spray Rodeo will be held May 23 and 24. The weekend starts out with a cowboy dance Friday, May 22, at the Spray School Gym at 9 p.m. with music by "Cross Country". At midnight the buckeroo breakfast begins in the school cafeteria. It is being put on by the Wheeler County Fair Board and runs until 11 a.m. Saturday morning.

At 8 a.m. on the morning of the May 23 the Eastern Oregon Half-Marathon begins at Service Creek and ends in downtown Spray with all the runners back in time for the parade which begins at 11 a.m.

Presiding over the parade will be Queen Billie Garcia from Goldendale, WA, and the grand marshal Wilbur "Web" Alford

from Spray.

At 1 p.m. the rodeo begins with rodeo stock furnished by Craig "Bo" Pinz P9 Rodeos from Parma, Idaho. The rodeo is approved by the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association, the Idaho Cowboys Association and the Washington Professional Rodeo Association and will be announced by Scott Allen from Klamath Falls.

Saturday evening another Cowboy dance is held and once again the Buckeroo Breakfast begins at midnight and runs until 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Sunday morning a cowboy church service is held in the grandstand at 9 a.m. and the final performance of the rodeo begins at 1 p.m.

For more information call (541) 468-2442.

Last day to apply for hunt tag, May 15

The Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife reminds people that the last day to apply for a controlled big game hunt tag is Friday, May 15. Applicants are encouraged to

purchase their applications as soon as they can and to have their hunt choices ready before going in to apply. Applications may be purchased at the Coast to Coast store in Heppner, M & A Auto Parts in Condon and Fossil Hardware in Fossil.

Basin workgroup sets meeting

The John Day Umatilla Basin working group will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, May 19, from 9-11 a.m. at the St. Patrick Parish Hall in Heppner.

For more information, contact one of the following USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service employees: Loren Unruh, Heppner, 676-5021; Bob Adelman, Pendleton, 278-8049; or Tom Bennett, Condon, 384-2671.

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